

This is in reply to a letter from Laura Sinram, Senior Campaign Finance Analyst, Reports Analysis Division, dated January 7, 2009, and due a response by February 9, 2009, regarding the Fairfax County Democratic Committee Amended July Monthly Report (6/1/08 to 6/30/08) as filed with the FEC on 12/04/2008.

Your observation is correct that an error was committed in adding sums from this reporting period from Column A with previous cumulative totals to the year-to-date figures in Column B for lines 11(a)(i) and 11(a)(ii) of the July monthly report. We regret the error and will correct this by filing a new amended report with the required corrections.

In reporting on a party building booth at the Reston Festival, the Committee was collecting names and email addresses of persons interested in Democratic Party membership or affiliation. No specific candidates for Federal office were advocated at the booth, only the Fairfax County Democratic Committee. No voter identification or get-out-the-vote activities were present, and we believe the nature of the booth was party building rather than Federal Election Activity. Separate booths at the Festival, paid for by political campaigns, were advocating candidates for Federal office. For this reason, we believe the expenditures were properly classified on Schedule B supporting line 21(b) of our report as administrative expenses of the Committee.

We hope this reply is responsive to the questions raised in Ms. Sinram's letter of January 9, 2009. An amended filing of the July monthly report will be posted in the near future.

Respectfully submitted

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